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Serial No.: 09/918,485	)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filed: August 1, 2001	)	
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For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES	)	
CODING FOR POLYPEPTIDES	)	
ENDOWED WITH A	)	
LARVICIDAL ACTIVITY	)	
TOWARD LEPIDOPTERA	)	

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 4, replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

A sequence of nucleotides according to the invention is characterized in that it has the capacity to hybridize with a probe formed from the sequence (I) showing the following chain arrangement (nucleotides 52-990 of SEQ ID NO:1):

At page 5, replace paragraph 6 with the following paragraph:

The invention also relates to a sequence of nucleotides coding for the following sequence (II) of amino acids (amino acids 1-250 of SEQ ID NO:2):

At page 7, replace paragraph 3 with the following paragraph:

Another sequence of nucleotides of the invention is characterized by its capacity of hybridization with a probe formed from the sequence (III) showing the following chain arrangement (SEQ ID NO:1):

At page 11, replace paragraph 8 with the following paragraph:

The invention also relates to sequence of nucleotides characterized in that it codes for a polypeptide containing the sequence (IV) of amino acids below (SEQ ID NO:2):

After page 50, attach a new page with the following Abstract, which is also provide on a separate sheet:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This invention relates to vectors, bacterial strains, and methods for the cloning and expression of a polypeptide having larvicidal activity. In particular, the invention relates to vectors, bacterial strains and methods for the cloning and expression of the N-terminal region of a polypeptide toxic against the larvae of Lepidoptera of the Noctuidae family, preferably against *S. littoralis*.

Please attached Sequence Listing, pages 1-6, to the application.

**REMARKS**

Applicants request entry of the above amendment prior to examination.

No new matter is added by this Amendment.

Applicants have amended the application to add a Sequence Listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. The Sequence Listing is identical in content to the Computer Readable Form Submission filed in the grandparent application Serial No. 08/461,551, filed June 5, 1995, which was issued as U.S. Patent 5,792,928. The amended Sequence Listing does not introduce new matter. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in application Serial No. 09/461,551 for the present application. Applicants understand that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application.

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**APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF OCTOBER 25, 2001**

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